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## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Steve Thomas  
44 Oak St.  
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RE: Waiver Request 36-38 Waterville St. (017 E015) Building Permit #020834

Dear Chris,

This office has reviewed your request dated 9/4/02, with regard to the fire separation distance for the proposed construction of dormers and living space on the existing 4<sup>th</sup> floor at the above location. The following are the facts:

- 1) The structure on the adjacent parcel is 15' 10" from the subject structure.
- 2) The proposed structure is an R2 use group, Type 5B construction. All modifications will be Type 5A construction.
- 3) The owner agrees to install the NFPA type 13R system in the forth floor immediately and retrofit the entire building within 24 months of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

The applicant proposes that the City measure the fire separation distance to a line that is one half the distance from the subject structure to the s the abutting property, much like the code requires for development of multiple buildings on the same lot. This distance is 8 feet 5 inches. The applicant proposes the sprinkler system to allow the vertical expansion of the attic with dormers consistent with Section 504.2.

Based on the above facts the City of Portland hereby grants the request based on the following conditions:

- 1)The openings on the north elevation must be limited to 10%. Because this is an NFPA 13R system, the code considers the openings unprotected and limited to 10%.
- 2)The Guards must be redesigned as the mesh has an ornamental pattern.
- 3)The owner agrees to install the NFPA type 13R system in the forth floor immediately and retrofit the entire building within 24 months of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

Sincerely,

Mike Nugent  
Manager of Inspection Services